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On June 26, 2010, the Westford Recycling Commission (WRC) will host another E-Cycling (Electronics Recycling) event in Westford. The event is held from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Westford Highway Garage at 28 North Street, Westford, MA.

Bring the family and a picnic lunch to Westford's Town Common on Saturday, July 3. The common will be transformed into a Family Festival of music and games. The fun runs from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

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Dear Westford Residents,

June 2010

May was an eventful month for us in Westford. Joanne Sheehan, Director of Elder Services, and her staff held a Gay 90s luncheon, honoring all of our residents age 90 and over. There were well over 200 in attendance, and it certainly was a wonderful event. Pat Savage, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries, and Paul Murray, former Veteran's Agent, with the help of many others, orchestrated a memorable Memorial Day event. Thank you to all who attended to honor those who have served our country. The League of Women Voters held an evening reception honoring all town volunteers for their commitment at the First Parish Church. All who attended the Apple Blossom Festival and Parade deemed it a great success. Thanks to all who helped organize all of these important town events.

The Tax Sale Possession Committee held its first auction of town-owned land, bringing valuable revenue into the town. The Water Department received another award (their walls are filled with them!) for their efforts in water conservation. The Fire Chief was successful in selling our old fire truck to another community, bringing in substantially more than if we had auctioned it. The Recycling Commission is pleased to report that their efforts to reduce trash have been successful, and May's totals were 55 tons less than May 2009 totals - thus saving the town almost \$34,000! Thanks to all of you for your individual efforts to help us reduce our solid waste.

The Westford Coalition for Non-Violence is producing a booklet with resources and other information for those affected by domestic violence, which will be distributed soon in many town locations. A student at Westford Academy is creating a website for us with a calendar of future events. A logo design was picked after the Westford Academy and Nashoba Technical High School students submitted designs for the group's review. We will use this design on our booklet, in future publications, for banners, t-shirts, or whatever else we do to promote our cause.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2010 from Westford Academy and Nashoba Technical High School! High school graduation is a significant milestone in our lives, and I wish all graduates the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Water Department Wins State Conservation Award



On May 4, during International Drinking Water Week, The Westford Water Department was honored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection with the 2010 Water Conservation Award. The top 2% water suppliers in the state were recognized for "Outstanding Performance and Achievement in 2009." We were chosen for a number of programs and initiatives such as our Fourth Grade Water Cycle Presentation and Poster Contest, the Rain Garden Project at Day School, consumer education, and for adopting a rate structure that encourages water savings. More importantly, we salute our customers for using less water than the MassDEP goal of 65 gallons per person per day. Superintendent Robert Worthley and Business Manager Robin Fullford attended the ceremony at the Grand Staircase at the State House and received the award from MassDEP Commissioner, Laurie Burt. State Representative Jim Arciero was present to congratulate us with citations from his office, Senator Panagiotakos' office, and from Governor Patrick.

Water Saving Tips from the Water Department

Outside

- When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.
- Wash your car on the lawn, and you'll water your lawn at the same time. Be sure to use a nozzle and turn water off when not in use.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.

Inside

- For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. You will not waste water waiting for it to get cold and the chlorine will dissipate.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.





Permitting Department News

Comprehensive Master Plan Implementation Committee

The Planning Board is seeking citizens to serve on a Comprehensive Master Plan Implementation Committee (CMPIC). The CMPIC will include representation from several existing Boards and Committees, and members of the Planning Board are in the process of meeting individually with those groups to receive their input on the CMPIC committee charge. The CMPIC will also include at least seven at-large citizen members, with appointments to take place over the summer.

The CMPIC will function as an advisory body to town officials and the citizenry regarding pending and future projects as they pertain to implementation of the Comprehensive Master Plan per Comprehensive Master Plan goals and activities. Interested citizens should fill out a citizen activity form on the Town website or contact Town Planner Ross Altobelli for more information.

Land Use Director to present at State Conference

On June 3, Director of Land Use Management Angus Jennings will moderate a panel at the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors (MAPD) Annual Conference in Plymouth, MA. The panel is entitled "I-Cubed, DIF and Other Infrastructure Financing Mechanisms" and will highlight opportunities for communities to pursue public/private partnerships to secure public infrastructure improvements.



The Town Engineer, Paul Starratt (second from the left) attended the annual award ceremony at the State House in the Great Hall on April 30th to receive a Certificate of Honor for his part in creating the Stormwater Matters Lesson Plan. The Stormwater Community Assistance Program and the SuAsCo Watershed Community Council was selected to receive the award by Secretary Ian A. Bowles, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (far right). Paul has served on the SuAsCo Stormwater Committee for the past seven years and uses the Stormwater Matters Lesson Plan at the Town of Westford's Living Lab Program to teach the 5th grade students how to be responsible with our natural resources. The lesson plan has been adopted by various communities

across the state to help young people understand the importance of stormwater stewardship and the impact that pollution can have on the environment.

Also shown from left to right is, Meg Colclough, EEA Education and Outreach Coordinator, Nancy Bryant, SuAsCo Executive Director, Dr. Peter Burn, Carlisle Conservation Commission, Frederica Gillespie, Sudbury River Watershed Organization and Carol Gupta, Mill Brook Task Force.